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Report That Widow of Rev. Hall Had Wed Cornell College Professor Could Not Be Confirmed Here

Current rumors that Mrs. Francis Noel Hall, widow of the late Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, was married about three weeks ago to Dr. Lane Cooper of Cornell University, formerly of this city, were yesterday renewed from Nyack, N. Y.

Facts brought to light during the day indicated there might be truth in the rumor. Mrs. Hall could not be reached at her temporary residence, 161 George street, where it was said she was in New York State.

One fact taken to point to the truth of the rumor is the renovation of Mrs. Hall's home on Nichol avenue, now under way.

From another source it was learned that Mrs. Hall and Dr. Cooper were often together last summer at a Jersey shore resort. It was also said Mrs. Hall was heard to tell a group of friends she and Dr. Cooper were to be married.

That a prominent New Brunswick man, reliable and of authority, recently told a city official of the marriage was also learned.

From neither of the sources, however, could a statement that Mrs. Hall is married be obtained. Natural reluctance and a desire to avoid publicity might account.

In both cases, however, the persons questioned said they thought Mrs. Hall was married.

When asked about two months ago if she was married to Dr. Cooper Mrs. Hall vehemently denied it. So did her relatives.

Dr. Cooper was born in New Brunswick and is fifty. He attended Rutgers University, graduating in 1896, and received degrees at Columbia, Yale and two European universities. He has never married.

Drury W. Cooper of Montclair, a brother of Dr. Cooper, last night refused to talk with a representative of the Sunday Times.

"Mr. Cooper has nothing to say to you," a reporter was told, after he had identified himself.

The rumor was stamped as a "damned lie" last night by a man who refused to give his name, at Mrs. Hall's George street residence.

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